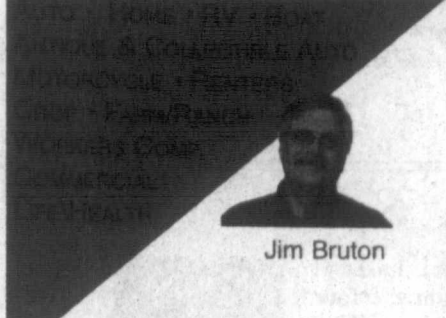


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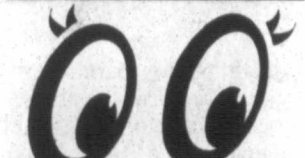


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County waits to see if city signs letter of intent

BY DAVID BOWSER
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Joseph Anstey, the chief administrator of Emergency Services Foundation of Texas, said he wants to become the sole emergency service for Pampa and Gray County.

Last week, the head of the new medical services company told the Pampa City Commission and the Gray County Commission that the company wanted to be the emergency medical care service and transportation for the city and county.

Appearing at the city commission meeting earlier in the week and the county commission later

City to hold special meeting

The City of Pampa Commission will meet in special session at 4 p.m. Tuesday, August 4 and consider authorizing the mayor to enter into a letter of intent and thereafter enter into a contract with the Emergency Services foundation of Texas, dba Pampa EMS.

In the week, Anstey said the not-for-profit company wanted to be the primary ambulance service in Pampa and Gray County.

The city and county are now being served by Guardian Medical Services.

Anstey said the company would provide emergency medical care, medical education on first aid

injury prevention, child safety and rescue service to the general public.

He said they intended to provide 911 emergency care, inter-facility and special care transport, inter-agency services and educational programs.

Their main goal is to become the premiere

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Special school board meeting tonight

BY DAVID BOWSER
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A special called meeting of the Pampa school board is scheduled tonight.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet at 5:30 p.m. today to discuss the football field, consider a tobacco grant, setting a tax rate and schedule a public hearing on the tax rate and employ new personnel.

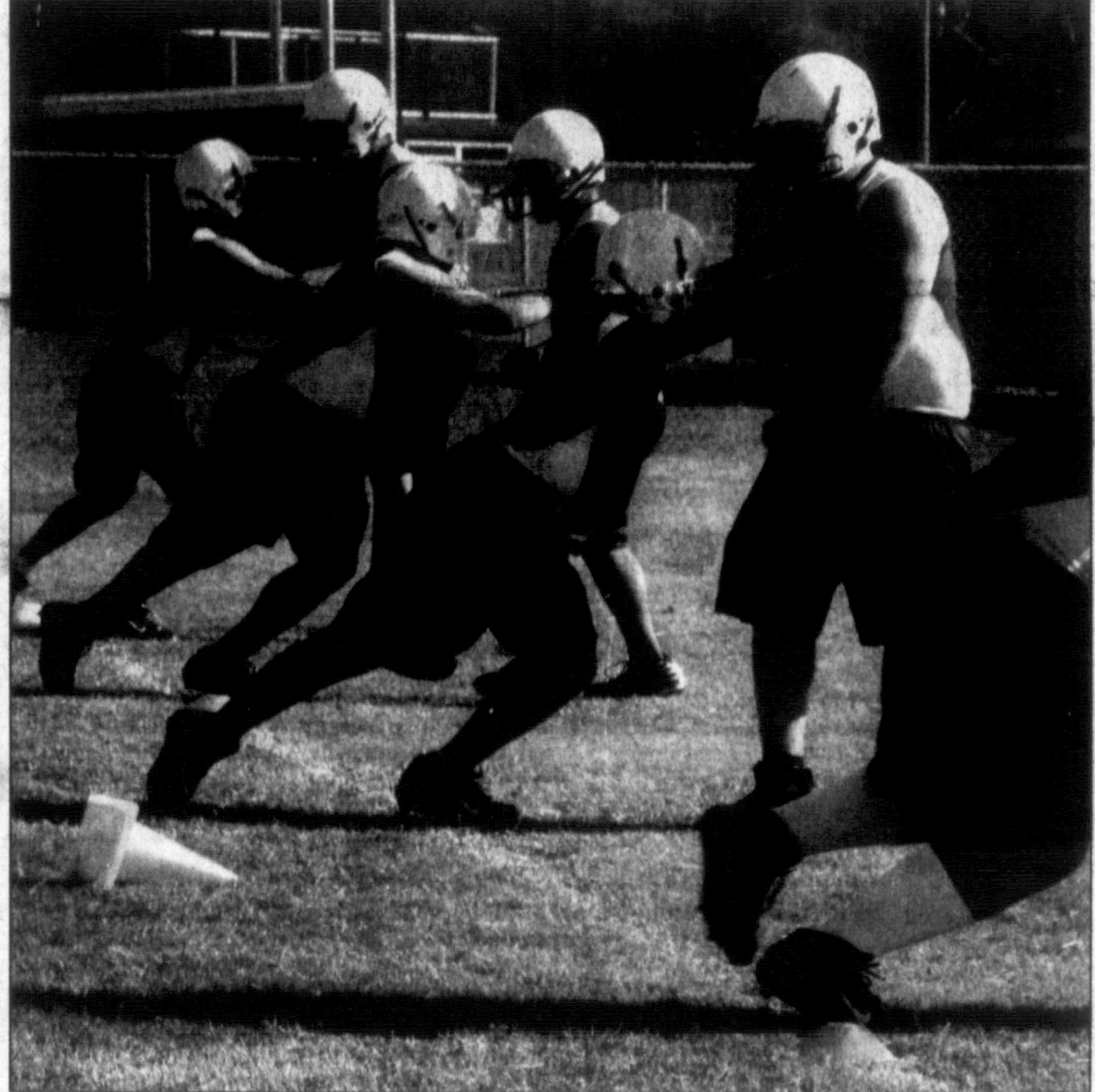
The meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. tonight at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, will provide an update on artificial turf being installed at Harvester Stadium.

The school board will also consider a tobacco grant action.

The board will also set a date for a public hearing on the 2009-2010 tax rate and will revisit the 2009-2010 tax rate for public notice.

Trustees will also consider employment of new employees.

Harvesters return to the fields



Coaches excited to start working with teams

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa High School football and volleyball teams have returned to the field and gym for the 2009 season.

Football began two-a-day practices Monday, under new coach Heath Parker. Volleyball begins three-a-day practices Monday, under second-year coach Libby Garza. Both coaches are excited on getting started.

"Well, I'm really anxious and urgent to get in the gym and get started," Garza said. "Our team is both young and old. We have some sophomores and seniors."

"The girls worked really hard in the summer and in the offseason, and are ready to get started."

"I couldn't be more excited," Parker said. "The boys are eager to get started and are ready to play. We're planning on having a really good football team this year."

Last season volleyball was within one game of qualifying for the playoffs, finishing the season 16-20, and fifth in district.

Football finished last season 2-8, but were within seven points in five of their losses.

Volleyball opens the season August 14 in the Canyon/Randall tournament in Canyon. The lady Harvesters' first home game is August 18 against PHS cont. on page 3

staff photo by Betsy Phillips
 The Pampa High Harvesters took the field this morning, Monday, August 3, to begin two-a-day practices for the upcoming football season. Their first scrimmage is August 15 in Wichita Falls.

Oil jumps on weak dollar, manufacturing strength

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Oil and natural gas prices rose quickly Monday on the weakening dollar and new signs of life from manufacturers that suggest the recession may be loosening its grip.

Benchmark crude for September delivery rose \$1.73 to \$71.18 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It was the third straight day of substantial increases for the energy futures markets and the first time in a month that crude has traded above \$70.

Natural gas, a major source of power generation, spiked by 7 percent on a day when both China and the United States reported stronger manufacturing activity.

Production from U.S. manufac-

turers jumped to its highest level in more than two years last month with new orders to stock retail shelves.

The decline in manufacturing has been slowing since December and officials with the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said Monday that signs of growth in the sector could emerge as early as next month.

Manufacturing in China expanded at its fastest clip in a year, according to a survey by Hong Kong brokerage CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets.

Still, crude has been rising for the past several weeks on the downward trend for the U.S. dol-

lar. The dollar index reached its lowest point since September against the euro on Monday.

Money floods into equities markets when the dollar falls because products like crude are priced in the U.S. currency. Oil can be used as a hedge against inflation and it also becomes cheaper when the dollar falls.

Still, energy experts believe the price of oil and natural gas may be higher than they should be right now.

A barrel of crude reached as high as \$71.95 in midday trading, a price some believe will give way soon.

"Even though I believe that we

are setting up for a correction of epic proportions, we still have to respect the markets movement and its blind ambition," said Phil Flynn of Alaron Trading. "If oil closes above \$72 we might have to admit that we were premature calling for a high for the year. Yet even if oil exceeds that level, the drop in price will be much stronger at a later time."

Oil prices seesawed last week before surging Thursday and Friday as investors bet that crude demand, which has been tepid this summer, will eventually pick up as the economy improves.

Prices at the pump also moved

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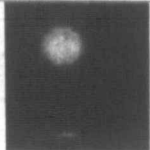
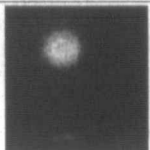
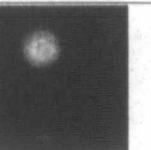
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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. **Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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James Dale Glass, 74

McLEAN—James Dale Glass, 74, died Thursday, July 30, 2009, Amarillo, Texas.

Services were held 10 a.m. Monday, August 3, 2009 in the First Baptist Church in Clarendon with Rev. Dave Stout, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Howardwick, officiating.

Interment was at 1 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

James Dale Glass, 74, of McLean died July 30 after an extended illness. Dale, known as Laddie, Daddy or Popo, was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be deeply missed. Dale Glass was born at home on Nov. 8, 1934, in McLean and always made McLean his home. After graduating from McLean High School in 1953 and attending classes at West Texas State College (now West Texas A&M).

Dale returned to McLean to work with his father to run the family business, the J.R. Glass wholesale gas, diesel and oil business, later taking over operation of the Phillips 66 station on Old Route

66 in McLean. Last summer he was inducted into the Route 66 Hall of Fame.

In August 1957 a young Texas Tech graduate from Friona came to McLean to teach home economics. She was Mary Lou Miller and became Dale's bride on Aug. 17, 1958. The couple celebrated their 50th anniversary last summer. As a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, Dale was ordered into service during the Cuban Missile crisis, at which time the family briefly lived in Fort Polk, La. In the mid-1980s, following the I-40 bypass of McLean, formerly vibrant businesses in town were forced to close, including Dale's Phillips 66. This

led to several temporary positions. Ultimately Dale became a prison guard, a career he pursued for 15 years, primarily at the Jordan Unit in Pampa. Being the people person he was, his hobbies included playing bridge, dominoes, and Yahtzee with anyone who would play. He enjoyed being an active church member at First Baptist Church of Howardwick.

He always enjoyed the McLean School Reunion and catching up with old friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.R. and Viola Glass; his brother, Jack Glass; and his brother-in-law Ronay Howard.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou of McLean; five daughters, Maridale Morgan and husband Steve of Plano, Sherry Kramer and husband Marvin of Skellytown, Jamie Glass of Fort Worth, Terri Luna of Clarendon, and Angela Burriss and husband Roddie of Dumas; his son, John David Glass of Dallas; three sisters, Shirley Hohstadt of Denver, Sue Barnhill of Nashville, Tenn., Judy Howard of Ruidoso, N.M.; 2 brothers, John R. Glass of Phoenix and Bob Glass of McLean; 10 grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

REMARKS- The family will be at 420 Walnut in McLean.

MEMORIALS - The family requests memorials be to Loaves and Fishes food ministry in McLean, the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean or the Alanreed-McLean Historical Museum.

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Obituaries

Samuel L. Bradley, 81

Pampa—Samuel L. Bradley, 81, died August 1, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Ben Corbitt, pastor of Faith Tabernacle, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, Texas, with Rev. Prentice Burks, pastor of the Mount Pleasant United Pentecostal Church, officiating. Arrangements

are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bradley was born May 13, 1928 in Memphis, Texas. He married Delores Hook on July 18, 1949 in Memphis. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. Sam retired from Cabot in 1987 after 33 years of service. He was a member of the Faith Tabernacle in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife Delores Bradley of the home; one son, James Bradley and wife Gaylene of Pampa; one daughter,

Pat Stucker and husband Larry of Pampa; four grandchildren: Amy Wyn Ladd and husband Aaron of Keller, Brad Stucker and wife Barbara of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Abby Foster and husband Lincoln of Dallas, and Ashley Stucker of Pampa; twin great-grandsons: Rhett Ladd and Grant Ladd, both of Keller.

Sam was preceded in death by his parents: Aaron and Terresa Bradley; two brothers, Joe Bradley and J. C. Bradley and three sisters, Inez Phelps, Minnie Richards and Billie Dyer.



Bradley

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Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Leo Clifford "Cotton" Graham

Leo Clifford "Cotton" Graham, 86, of Amarillo, Texas, died on Saturday, August 1, 2009.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, in the Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel with Jerry Bell, chaplain officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Leo, the second of five children, was born September 24, 1922, in Canadian, Texas, to parents Lawson and Dottie Leo Graham.

As a very young child the family moved to Miami, Texas, where Leo grew up and participated in many activities including Golden Gloves Boxing competition, and rodeo, competing in the bareback bronc and bull riding events.

After completion of his sophomore year of high school, Leo enlisted in

the United States Navy. Following thirty-six months of service in the Pacific Theater, on January 17, 1945, Leo received an honorable discharge at the New Orleans Naval Air Station.

As a result of Leo's twenty-six months of service in the Pacific Theater, he was awarded the American Theater Ribbon, the Asiatic-Pacific Ribbon with four bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, and the Expeditionary Medal with numerous bronze stars.

Following his return from World War II, Leo married Jeanette McCollum on December 22, 1946, in Pampa, Texas. They made their home in Pampa until February, 1958, at which time they moved to Amarillo. Leo was preceded in death by his loving wife Jeanette, on June 5, 2004

Leo worked for

Southwestern Public Service for 18 years. Leo then worked for Bates Wells specialty advertising, retiring some thirty years later.

Leo was a member of Paramount Baptist Church. As a young boy he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior and set a Christian example for his family to follow.

The family wishes to thank Leo's adopted family, the residents and staff at Park Place, for the love and compassion that they gave.

The family offers its sincerest thanks and gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and staff at BSA, with a special thank you to those on the seventh floor and the emergency room for the special care that they gave Leo.

The family wishes to thank the nurses, staff, volunteers and doctors that provide the very special care that is BSA Hospice.

Leo was preceded in



Graham

death by his parents, two sisters, and two brothers.

His survivors include his daughter La Nette Baker and Van Williamson, his son Charles Graham and wife Patsy, all of Amarillo; his granddaughter Michelle Baker Mansolo and husband Steve, of Austin; his grandsons Cory Graham of Abilene, and Chris Bewley and family of Abilene; his very precious friend Ruby Little; his grandpuppy Katie; other members of his family and his many wonderful friends.

Jimmy Lynn Freudenrich, 72

Pampa—Jimmy Lynn Freudenrich, 72, died Friday, July 31, 2009 in Amarillo.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

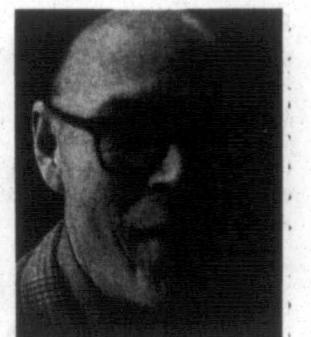
Mr. Freudenrich was born Nov. 23, 1936 in Lela, Texas to Willie and Donnie Freudenrich and was a life-

long resident of Pampa. He married Amy Sissom on June 25, 1963 in Pampa. He worked as a welder for most of his adult life. He enjoyed repairing lawn mowers, fishing, visiting with friends, and spending time with his family. Jimmy was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 and was a member of the Pentecostal church. He also served in the Texas National Guard for 8 years.

Survivors include his wife Amy Freudenrich

of the home; two sons, Randy Freudenrich and wife Sherylene and Ronnie Freudenrich, all of Pampa; one sister, Wynelle Moore of Pampa; five grandchildren, Amanda Harkins, Ryan Freudenrich, Solomon Cruz, Senecia Becker, and Simona Smith and husband Johnny, all of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Freudenrich

Durward Jackson Williams, 86

Pampa—Durward Jackson Williams, 86, died August 2, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas. **SERVICES:** Pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Five sentenced to jail over weekend

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Five people received jail time over the weekend and four received fines according to Gray County Sheriff officials.

Tyrone Weldon Evans, 43, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia and no valid driver's license. Evans was sentenced to nine days in jail, which started Saturday, and has an \$861 fine.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 33, is serving a nine-day sentence which started last Saturday and has an \$898 fine. Maddox was charged with having an open container and for failure to

appear.

Alisa Been Parker, 48, is still in jail for possession of a dangerous drug, a warrant for violation of probation, and possession of a controlled substance. Parker's bond is set at \$13,000. Darrin James Biegler, 26, is in jail on a charge of capias pro fine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Biegler was fined 868 dollars and will be released on the eleventh.

Ray Edward Williams, 54, is in jail until the August 10 for failure to control speed and no seat belt. Williams was fined \$730.

Gary Linn Ammons

43 was booked into jail on Saturday for capias pro fine times two, public intoxication and disorderly conduct of language. Ammons was fined 1,447 dollars and was released to pay later.

Jennifer Nicole Armendariz, 30, was booked on Sunday for driving with a license invalid with a previous conviction. Armendariz was released on a \$1,000 bond. Ruth Agnes Bowers, 30, was booked on Friday for DWI and possession

of more than four ounces and less than five pounds of marijuana. Bowers was released on a six thousand, five hundred dollar bond.

Matthew Lynn Schiffman, 46, was booked on Saturday on a charge of stalking. Schiffman was released Sunday on a \$5,000 bond.

The Gray County Sheriff department also transported Ricky Lee Reynolds, 27, to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility on Friday.

Condemned killer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A Texas death row inmate condemned for a fatal shooting and stabbing during a San Antonio robbery 13 years ago has lost a federal court appeal, moving him a step closer to lethal injection.

Anthony Bartee, 52, was convicted of killing neighbor David Cook, 37, and

stealing his motorcycle.

In a ruling Friday, the appeals court agreed with a lower court that decided the evidence would show no one other than Bartee was responsible for stabbing Cook in the throat after he'd been shot.

Bartee contends two gang members did the slaying.

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Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2009. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League.

On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States, following the death of Warren G. Harding.

'The man who insists on seeing with perfect clearness before he decides, never decides.'

— Henri Frederic Amiel, Swiss critic

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

In 1948, former Communist

Whittaker Chambers, testifying before the House Un-American Activities Committee, accused former State Department official Alger Hiss of having been part of a Communist cell, a charge Hiss denied.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

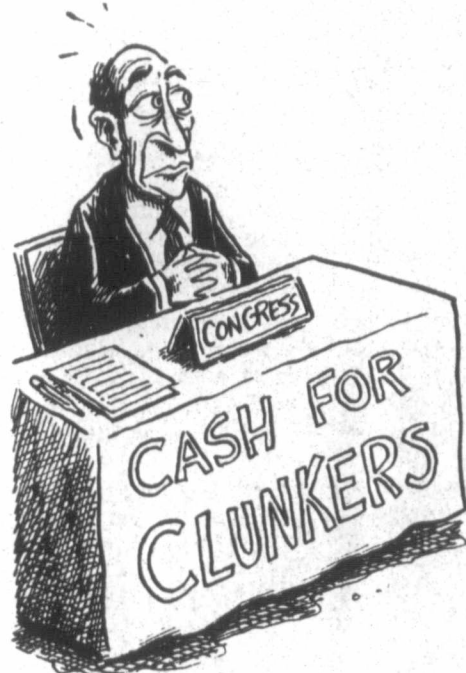
In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years. Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

Today's Birthdays: Author P.D. James is 89. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 88. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanaires) is 85. Singer Tony Bennett is 83. Actor Martin Sheen is 69. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 68. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 68. Movie director John Landis is 59. Actress JoMarie Payton is 59. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 58. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Marcel Dionne is 58. Country musician Randy Scruggs is 56. Actor John C. McGinley is 50. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 48. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 46. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 46. Actor Isaiah Washington is 46. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 43. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 39. Country singer Whitney Duncan is 25. Actor Jon Foster is 25. Singer Holly Arnstein (Dream) is 24. Pop-rock musician Brent Kutzle (OneRepublic) is 24.

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A sampling of Texas opinion

Austin American-Statesman on debit cards for improving report cards:

When it comes to education, we've tried-and-errored just about every idea under the sun and perhaps a few over it. We've tried negative reinforcement and positive reinforcement. We've tested too much. We've tested too little.

This much we know for sure: We're not there yet.

Maybe it's time to inject a little of what seems to motivate us best. Cash money. Or in the case of a local experiment, a pre-loaded debit card.

The Tuition Incentive Program, a joint project of Austin Community College and the Austin Independent School District, used private money to pay tutors about \$12 an hour to help Eastside Memorial High School freshmen deal with one of life's great mysteries: algebra.

Here's the new part: Students got \$6 an hour for participating. The results were encouraging (participants' performance increased) and discouraging (of the 115 ninth-graders, only 16 signed up and only nine completed the program).

Former Austin Mayor Bruce Todd, the program's driving force, has no hesitation about paying kids to do something they should want to do without remuneration. He sees an immediate-reward version of what drives us all to study.

"Why did we go to college and sweat through all that trial and tribulation?" Todd said.

Back when he was mayor, Todd was involved with an AMD internship program. He had an odd request: Drop the prospective interns at the far end of the parking lot and make them walk to the building.

"I wanted those kids to walk by all those new cars in the parking lot," Todd recalled, eager for them to make the good job/nice car connection. "Is that materialistic? Yes."

So how far should we go in more immediate economic incentive?

Says Todd, "Government gives away money all the time to people. For food, emergency housing, health

care, not to mention giving back to older folks in our community, some of whom are quite wealthy, by freezing valuations on homes."

And, when spent effectively, nothing comes close to education when it comes to return on investment of tax dollars.

The TIP report, though with a caveat warning its results "should be interpreted with caution" because so few kids participated, noted that 75 percent of those who did said "I would participate again in a math tutoring program that pays incentive money."

Only 25 percent said "I would participate again in math tutoring program that does not pay incentive money."

Todd, though evangelistic on his privately funded tutoring program, is not ready to pay kids to go to class. But he does believe paid tutoring could be part of the big-picture solution.

TIP participant Fernando Carrillo told the American-Statesman he used the money on his debit card to buy clothes and a Game Boy. It's not a new car in the corporate parking lot, but it's a start on the right path.

"Good for him," Todd said of Carrillo. "He used the money for something that satisfied him. And his performance improved dramatically by being tutored."

ACC'S Marisa Seene, who coordinated the program, said, "It was definitely the money that brought them in."

"But I don't think it was the money that kept them in," she said, noting the progress the kids saw themselves making.

So how far would you be willing to go in paying kids to learn? Would you be OK with the use of tax dollars to pay kids to get tutored?

What about using tax dollars to keep a kid from an economically challenged family in school by giving a grant equal to the amount of money the kid could earn by quitting school to flip burgers?

It's radical, and probably would involve a tax hike. But it's likely to save you money in the long run. Cities with education problems far more challenging than Austin's already are further down the road on using money as incentive.

Washington, D.C.'s legendary bad public schools have a "Capital Gains" program paying students up to \$100 every two weeks for good attendance, behavior and academic performance.

That program was derived from a New York City one offering up to \$500 a year for showing up in class and doing well on standardized tests.

Nonsense? Or a forward-thinking nod to what motivates people?

The Dallas Morning News on President Obama's school data cash:

Here's the latest in the data revolution, the Next Big Thing in education. This Obama administration proposal isn't something Texas Education Agency officials should turn up their nose at, either.

President Barack Obama and Education Secretary Arne Duncan announced last month that states will gain access to \$315 million in federal funds to expand their school data systems. Obama and Duncan rightly believe that giving teachers and principals access to real-time information about how students are doing can help them improve student performance.

"Data enables action," is how Lori Fey of the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation put it in a recent editorial board interview. She should know. The foundation has spent millions nationwide to help districts better access data.

Districts may have good information, but schools can't get to it because it

is "siloes" in a way that makes accessibility moot. The Dells are trying to change this by helping schools create more easily accessible data systems.

The Obama proposal is a nice complement to that effort, so the TEA should be all over it. The state can draw down some of this money if it puts together a proposal.

Good data systems help school districts train their teachers. Schools can use the information to analyze how individual classrooms work or don't work. If the data show that a class is falling behind in a particular area of, say, math, the principal can work with the teacher on strategies to reach more kids. (Houston's school district used its data system to pinpoint the four lowest-performing math teachers. As it turns out, they were in one school, so the district was able to zero in on that school.)

The data revolution is about giving schools the tools they need to better manage their work. Orlando Riddick, W.T. White High School's principal, explains how he once received data about his school in paper reports. Now, data flow quickly online, giving him an instant snapshot.

None of this New Big Thing makes sense if it doesn't help students realize their potential. But that's what's exciting about Obama's proposal. Top-notch data systems allow teachers to better identify a student's strengths. With that information in hand, they can then help them achieve at higher levels. For students from disadvantaged families, which we have no shortage of in Texas, this can be the ticket out of poverty.

Go for it, Austin. The deadline for an application is in October. It would be foolish to leave this money on the table.

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Texas drought takes toll on waterways

AUSTIN, Texas — A scorching one-two punch of prolonged low rainfall and record high temperatures in central and southern Texas is stressing fish and other aquatic creatures, especially rare species that depend on spring flows, and decreased river flows are sending salt content in mid-coast bays soaring. Nonetheless, biologists say fishing is actually good in many parts of Texas, and some fisheries could even improve long-term.

"It's not as bad as the drought of record in the 1950s, but if it continues through summer and into fall, we've got a problem," said Cindy Loeffler, a water resource expert with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"What's made this so bad is the record heat. Unless something miraculous happens, this will be the hottest month in Texas ever, not just the hottest July."

Reports from TPWD Inland Fisheries Division biologists in various Texas regions paint a varying view of drought impacts on fishing and aquatic life, depending on which part of the state they're reporting from.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, about a quarter of the state is in extreme or exceptional drought, an area bounded roughly by Del Rio on the west, the Austin area on the north, on the east from a line near Bryan down to Victoria and extending into South Texas below Kingsville. Outside this area, especially in East and North Texas, higher rainfall has meant more typical summer water resource and fishing and boating conditions, although temperatures have hit record highs statewide.

In hard-hit Central Texas, Stephan Magnelia, TPWD inland fisheries biologist in San Marcos, says the drought could end up making fishing better in the long run on lakes like Travis and Buchanan. Short-term, Magnelia expects poor year classes yielding lower numbers of largemouth bass and white bass. He said the good news is there is lots of terrestrial vegetation growing in the exposed lake beds, and when the water rises there should be good conditions for survival of young fish and strong year classes of game fish.

Meanwhile, other scientists in Central Texas are nervously watching endangered species that depend on spring flows, some of which have dropped sharply.

Laurie Dries is an environmental scientist with the City of Austin who monitors the endangered Barton Springs salamander, which lives only in several springs in and around Barton Springs Pool in the city's Zilker Park. Dries said average abundance of salamanders in 2008 was 703 at Eliza Spring, but that's down to 159 so far in 2009, with only 69 salamanders found in the last count. In the pool (technically Parthenia Spring), the 2008 average was 178, but that's down to 153 so far in 2009, with only 13 in the last survey.

"The drought will kill them if [spring] flows get too low," Dries said. "Sunken Garden, which gets the lowest flow of the Barton Springs system, looks more like a pond than a spring. I don't know if there are salamanders there — we haven't seen any there at the surface for a year or more."

Dries said a key problem is low dissolved oxygen in the water caused by low flows—besides killing salamanders outright, this will inhibit reproduction and erode the population over time. She said if salamanders go extinct in the wild, there are backup plans to reintroduce captive bred salamanders, though she said that would be a last ditch attempt and the species won't survive without good habitat in the wild.

The flow out of San Marcos Springs, a major spring which feeds the San Marcos and Guadalupe Rivers, has declined to about half of the long-term median flow rate of 180 cubic feet per second, according to the U.S. Geological Survey Real-Time Water Data for Texas Web site.

One result is that TPWD and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service scientists have had to transplant stands of endangered native Texas wild-rice to deeper water sections along the San Marcos River, where for the first time since the record drought of the 1950s botanists report seeing exposed river bed in certain areas. They say the good news is San Antonio water conservation measures appear to be helping to maintain Edwards Aquifer levels, so spring flows aren't as low as some had feared.

On the central coast, where drought-stricken rivers like the Colorado and Guadalupe drain into bays and estuaries, low river inflows mean high bay salinity.

"On Monday we did a bag

seine sample where salinity in Aransas Bay went over 40 parts per thousand for the first time since 1997," said Karen Meador, Aransas Bay ecosystem leader with TPWD in Rockport. "It was 41.5 ppt, extremely high, in Port Bay at the south end of Copano Bay. The good news is we did catch some small, juvenile spotted seatrout (speckled trout), so they're surviving so far."

Meador said although this high salt content is at the upper reaches of fish tolerance level for Aransas populations, there has been a fairly gradual salinity increase since early 2008, so marine organisms have been able to adapt fairly well. She said oysters are suffering from high salinity, as are some less tolerant species of ecologically important seagrass such as widgeon grass.

Recreational fishermen in the Aransas Bay system "seem to be doing okay with red drum (redfish) and black drum, and some guides are doing okay with spotted seatrout," Meador said. She added "some weekend anglers are complaining they're not catching the trout in the Rockport area, although longtime guides here are not having problems catching their limit."

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Todd Neahr, TPWD coastal fisheries biologist for the large Upper Laguna Madre bay system south of Corpus Christi, said salinities there have gone from a January average of 36 parts per thousand to 50 ppt on average in July, with a range from 41-to-71. However, he said most fish and other creatures in the Laguna Madre -are used to sporadic droughts, and some fish, like the sheepshead minnow, can tolerate hyper salinity up to 100 ppt.

In the Panhandle, TPWD Inland Fisheries Biologist Charlie Munger said there are very low water levels on a number of area lakes, except Alan Henry. Perhaps counter-intuitively, he said "As lake levels go down, the fishing can get real good, because the fish are more concentrated and the anglers get a better shot at them." Munger said the big-

gest fishing impact is Palo Duro Reservoir, which was almost 2,000 acres in size and has shrunk to almost 50 acres. However, he said water level declines have been gradual enough so populations have a chance to adjust, and as a result there haven't been any really big fish kills.

In other regions, biologists report some great fishing, despite the drought and heat.

"Water levels at most major reservoirs in my area of South Texas are at or near full," said Randy Myers with TPWD in San Antonio. "Along the Rio Grande, Lake Amistad has been near conservation pool since September 2008 and Falcon was recently about 10 feet below full." He explained heavy rainfall in northern Mexico discharging into the Rio Grande helped fill Amistad and Falcon. He said Calaveras and Braunig Reservoirs near San Antonio are kept full with water pumped from the San Antonio River.

"Sport fish are abundant in all four of these water bodies and South Texas anglers are enjoying fantastic fishing success as a result," Myers said.

Conversely, Myers said water levels at Medina and Brady Reservoirs are very low causing boat angler access to be very difficult. Medina has been near 40 feet low and Brady about 10 feet below conservation pool. Sport fish populations in both are in average condition, but on the decline as a result of the drought-induced low water levels.

In other regions, including East and West Texas, TPWD biologists reported no serious drought-related fisheries impacts so far. But they did emphasize the importance of controlling invasive species and restoring native habitat so that aquatic ecosystems are better able to handle pressures like drought.

Mukhtar Farooqi in San Angelo said on top of low rainfall and water levels, some western lakes are impacted by toxic golden alga blooms, and he said watershed management (including saltcedar and mesquite control) could turn out to be very significant for water quality and quantity in the region.

Mark Webb in Bryan said the coming shift from reliance on ground water to surface water in the Conroe and Houston areas could mean average summer reservoir fluctuations might move from about two feet to possibly six feet or more. "In our fairly shallow

reservoirs this will change our available fish and wildlife habitat, presenting new challenges and opportunities as we control exotic vegetation and enhance native vegetation and other habitat," said Webb, who has been working with angler groups and others to restore native plants along the shore of Lake Conroe.

Statewide, TPWD experts report fewer fish kills caused by drought than some had expected.

In drought-stricken Central Texas, Stephen Twidwell in San Marcos is one of a half dozen biologists across the state on the TPWD Kills and Spills Team, which investigates larger fish kills.

kills in area farm and park ponds," said Twidwell, whose large region extends from the Hill Country around Austin-San Antonio south to Del Rio and west to San Angelo and El Paso. He did note significant fish kills in above Canyon Lake in the Guadalupe River and in the Lavaca River in Hallettsville, where flow in both streams has slowed to a trickle.

"Overall, however, I've been expecting to get more reports of fish kills due to high temperatures and declining stream flows, and we're not seeing a lot of that so far. But this is definitely not a good time to be a fish in Central Texas streams."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago I had surgery, and they found cancer. I have put my affairs in order to ease the burden on my children.

I have written my will, made a list of those to be notified after my death, wrote my obituary and requested in which newspaper I would like it printed. I have also listed all my assets and where they are.

I have only one question: After my death I would like a former high school girlfriend notified, and I have written a letter to be given to her. She has been married to the same man for 40 years, and we have not been in contact.

I always had special feelings for her and would like to tell her so and thank her for the great times we had together. I would not want to create problems in her marriage, but would like to send her a letter of thanks and appreciation.

What do you think? Should I leave well enough alone, or let her know what a special person she was in my life? -- FINAL REQUEST IN SOUTH MILWAUKEE

DEAR FINAL REQUEST: I am sorry about your sad prognosis. I doubt that having the letter sent after your death would "cause problems" in that lady's marriage. And frankly, I'm sure it would be a gift to her that would make her smile for the rest of her life. You have my blessings to send it.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are having a disagreement about flirting with other people. He thinks it's OK to "harmlessly flirt" as long as the person knows you are in a committed relationship. I think that flirting could lead to a misunderstanding that may cause problems in the relationship.

I trust my boyfriend, but I don't trust other women and never have. I asked

him to stop doing it, and he has assured me it won't happen again.

Now I'm wondering if I'm overreacted. Do you think flirting is harmless, or do you see it as a potential problem for the relationship? -- LAURA IN ALABAMA

DEAR LAURA: It's a potential problem for the relationship if one of the parties is insecure and regards it as a threat. It's also a potential problem if the flirting persists in spite of the fact that your boyfriend knows it makes you insecure. Regardless of whether this romance leads to marriage, however, you really should try to understand why you have such negative feelings about other women because those feelings aren't healthy, and may not be justified.

DEAR ABBY: I loaned a treasured book to my close friend "Serena." When her younger sister moved out of state four months later, Serena told me the book had been accidentally packed up with the girl's things. She promised to buy me a new copy, but didn't.

It has now been three years, and my \$20 book still has not been replaced. One day I noticed it on Serena's bookshelf. I don't want to demand she give it back for fear of seeming petty, but I really loved the book and want it back. How do I handle this? -- SERIOUS READER IN KANSAS

DEAR SERIOUS READER: The next time you are at Serena's, walk over to her bookshelf and exclaim, "Serena! I guess you were mistaken about my book being sent to your sister's because here it is!" Then take it off the shelf and take it with you. And in the future, write your name on the inside cover of your books before lending them to anyone.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009:

This year, the quality of your daily life becomes an issue. Others might not agree, and often you get strange reactions. On some level, you will need to increase your circle of friends and associates in order to find like-minded people. If you are single, don't play games with yourself or others when determining if someone is "right" or "good" for you. Don't waste time or good will. If you are attached, if you want easier interactions, let your significant other have more say. AQUARIUS could challenge you to think more deeply.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Unexpected gains come from leading. Use your sixth sense to make what you deem necessary happen. Open up to others, especially about a last-minute reservation about an about-to-launch new project. Zero in on a friend who always gives you great advice. Tonight: Where people are.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Get to the bottom of what is going on behind the scenes, no matter what you approach today. For some, it could be confusion about where someone is coming from; for others, it might simply be doing more research on a project and its possibilities. Take a stand. Tonight: Be willing to step up and assume responsibility.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep conversations ongoing. At the end of the day, your perspective will change and might not be comfort-

able. Forge ahead with new knowledge, and be willing to step out on your own. You'll see life with renewed interest. Tonight: Go where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Eye the big picture, opening up the playing field. Share your insights with others, though you might need to take ownership of a great idea. Someone else might want to make this idea his. Avoid the limelight. Tonight: A long-overdue chat with a friend or loved one.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You are inspired and on top of your game. You wonder why others dump their work on you. Say "no" when you need to. Also, defer or let someone else carry the ball; you have enough on your plate. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your creativity surges no matter what you do. Know when enough is enough when dealing with a child or loved one. By ending the dialogue, you are taking a stand. Others suddenly might be more amenable. Tonight: Time to do for yourself.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might be revamping an idea or doing it differently than anticipated. Don't minimize your role in a project. Let your imagination take the lead whenever you find a bump in the road. Tonight: Flirting up a storm.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Keep communication moving. A changing situation is reflective of the possibilities. Allow what seems like an off-the-wall idea to be part of the mix. Others will see that idea as dynamic rather than strange or bizarre. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Review your expenses and keep your budget in compliance with the real figures. Listen to news that follows when you start loosening up ideas and your stance. You might be surprised by what comes up. Tonight: Chat over dinner.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You suddenly become pivotal in a rapidly changing situation. Accept and work with the unexpected. The faster you incorporate these jolts into your life, the better off you will be. Know when to shake your head and walk in the other direction. Tonight: Enjoying yourself doesn't need to cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Whether you agree or not is irrelevant. You will have time to handle the situation or turn certain basic ideas around. Get together with associates in order to find better solutions and ideas. Tonight: You are all smiles.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Understand what is going on behind the scenes, and then work for a good solution. Meetings, associates and enabling supporters take up a lot of time, but are necessary. You might be surprised by how many different paths take you to the same goal. Keep your opinions/beliefs to yourself in a late evening talk. Tonight: Do your thing.

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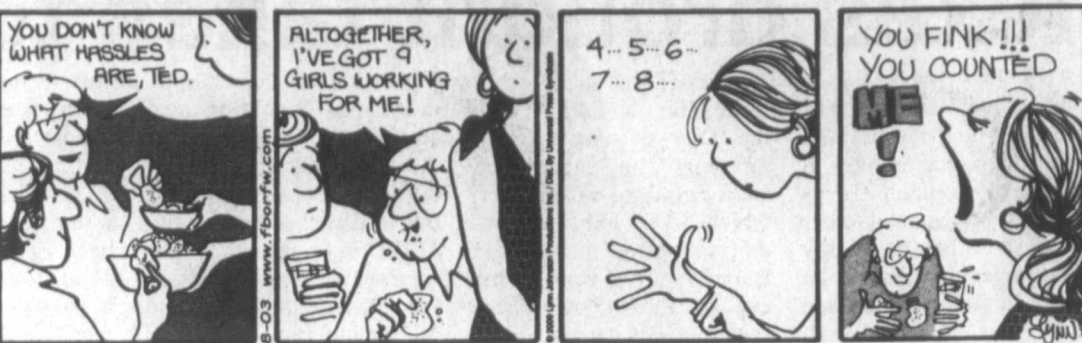
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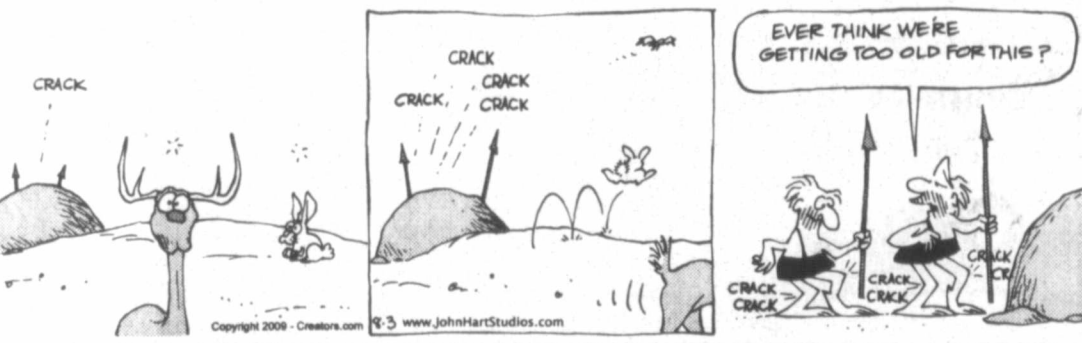
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"We hafta put the food up there to keep it away from bears, squirrels, raccoons and Jeffy!"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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- 39 Jacob's son
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 - 5 Magnificent
 - 10 Swear
 - 11 Nanny's kin
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 - 14 Miniature
 - 15 Continually
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 - 18 Landon
 - 18 Trusted teachers
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Saturday's Cryptoquote: WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE, THEREFORE, IS NOT AN ACT BUT A HABIT. — ARISTOTLE

Sports

Saltalamacchia, Feldman lead Rangers over Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Scott Feldman put his worst start of the season in his rearview mirror.

Feldman pitched seven strong innings, Jarrod Saltalamacchia broke a tie with a two-run homer in the seventh, and the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2 on Sunday night.

On Wednesday, Detroit knocked Feldman around for six runs and 10 hits in 2 1-3 innings of a 13-5 Tigers victory.

This time, Feldman (10-4) was a whole lot better, allowing two runs and five hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

"There was nothing good to take from it so I just tried to forget about it, go out there tonight and pitch better," Feldman said. "I had better command of my fastball and my off-speed stuff too. Everything was a lot better."

Feldman extended his career-best win total and assumed the team lead in victories as the Rangers won for the 11th time in 14 games.

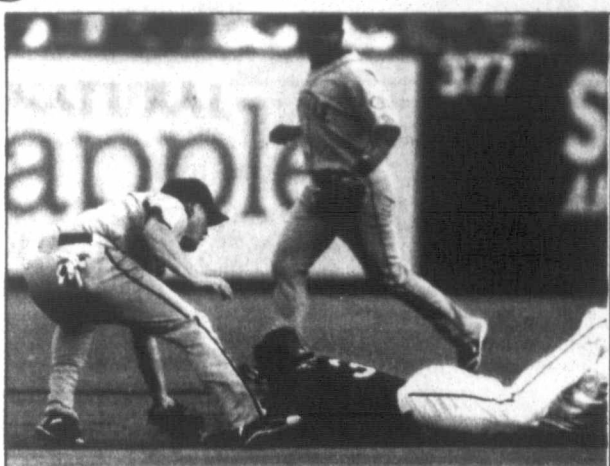
Feldman left a tie game, and the offense set him up for the decision.

Nelson Cruz led off the seventh with a single off reliever Jack White (2-2). One out later, Saltalamacchia belted White's first pitch off the foul pole in right field for his ninth homer of the season.

"I was just looking for a pitch up to try to drive in the gap to score a run," Saltalamacchia said. "The last thing we wanted to do was to go extra innings. We wanted to get the lead and keep it and let our bullpen do what they've done all year long. He left a curveball right there and I got a good wood it. I thought it was going foul but thankfully it stayed straight."

C.J. Wilson got three outs for his 13th save in 15 chances, but it wasn't easy.

Wilson hit Russell Bryan with a pitch and gave up a single to Jose Lopez. The runners advanced to second and third on a ground out, but Wilson struck out



Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton, bottom, is caught stealing second on a tag by Seattle Mariners shortstop Jack Wilson, as second baseman Jose Lopez, rear, looks on in the second inning of a baseball game, Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, in Arlington, Texas.

Jack Hannahan and Jack Wilson.

The game ended in controversy when Wilson insisted that the final pitch tipped off his bat for a foul ball. But home plate umpire D.J. Reyburn ruled that Wilson swung and missed at the pitch in the dirt, and when Wilson didn't run to first, Saltalamacchia grabbed the ball and tagged Wilson out to end the game.

While the Rangers spilled out of their dugout to celebrate, the umpiring crew huddled on the infield. After a quick consultation, Reyburn gave the out sign.

"I know I got a piece of it," Wilson said. "I didn't get a lot, but I make a lot of contact, especially with two strikes. If I swing and miss, I'm running to first. So I was getting ready for the next pitch, and the next thing I knew, I was out. It was a tough way to end the game."

David Murphy and Michael Young also homered for the Rangers, who remain four games behind the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West and trail Boston by 2½ games in the wild card race.

Ichiro Suzuki had two hits for the Mariners, who've lost seven of 10 and are 4-10 against Texas this season.

Feldman allowed one hit over the first five innings — Suzuki's single in the fourth — before running into trouble in the sixth when the Mariners loaded the bases with nobody out.

Brayan's RBI ground out got the Mariners even

at 1, and Lopez's bloop single made it 2-1.

Young's leadoff homer in the sixth off the top of the wall in left-center tied it at 2.

Rangers second baseman Omar Vizquel made a heady defensive play in the sixth to send the speedy Suzuki back to the dugout. Suzuki led off with a single and Brayan hit a pop-up into short right field. Vizquel allowed the ball to drop, then fired to second for a forceout on Suzuki.

"Getting Ichiro off the basepaths is always a big deal," Vizquel said.

Ian Snell, acquired last week in a trade with the Pittsburgh Pirates, was sharp in his Mariners debut, allowing two runs and three hits in six innings.

Manager Don Wakamatsu went to the bullpen in the seventh when Snell's right forearm tightened.

"I was pretty impressed, especially in his first outing in a Mariner uniform," Wakamatsu said. "I thought he mixed his pitches well. His command was a little erratic, but a lot of that was probably jitters being his first outing. To come into this ballpark and give up three hits against this lineup, I thought he did a tremendous job."

Snell gave up Murphy's solo homer in the first, and didn't allow another hit until Elvis Andrus' two-out double in the fifth.

Two losses eliminate All-stars

SPRINGDALE, AR.— The West Texas State 11-12 Cal Ripken Champions from Pampa sponsored by the Pampa Optimist Youth Club were eliminated from the Southwest Regional 12 Year Old Cal Ripken Tournament Saturday by host Springdale 5-0.

A solo home run and a three-run shot in the third inning provided the locals all the runs they would need. They added an unearned run in the fourth on an error and two passed balls for the final margin.

Pampa threatened several times. They wasted a double by Cade Engle and a hit batter in the first inning, a single by Rhett Harden and a walk in the third inning, a single by Blaine Troxell in the fourth inning and a single by Thomas Haley in the sixth inning.

The Pampa team was held to four hits while pitchers Ethan Hunt and Ryan Powell gave up only four to Springdale. Pampa put the ball in play, but right at the defenders. They had only three strikeouts compared to 13 for Springdale.

Kevin Hunt was the manager for the team, and Chris Engle and Kennan Davis were the coaches. The loss ended the team's

season.

Friday, he Washington County, Arkansas, 11-12 Cal Ripken All Star team proved that a pair of sevens beats a full house defeating the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken All Stars in the Southwest Regional 12 Year Old Cal Ripken Tournament here Friday.

Pampa packed the grandstands on their side, but Washington County scored seven runs in the third and fourth innings for the win.

Behind 7-0, Pampa rallied for six runs in the top of the fourth inning after two were out. With one out Ryan Powell walked and stole second. Blayne Troxell also walked. The runners executed a double steal. After a strikeout, Casey Martindale stroked a single to right field scoring Powell. Troxell held at third. Thomas Haley, who was Pampa's leading hitter with two hits, hammered the next pitch over the left field wall to narrow the score to 7-4 and bring in a new pitcher.

Consecutive walks to Rhett Harden, Aaron Allen and Cade Engle were followed by a single by Ethan Hunt which scored Harden and Allen. Engle,

trying for the tying run, was thrown out at the plate. Pampa was out 13-3 by Springdale, but was constantly in the game thanks to 13 walks issued by Springdale's four pitchers.

Hunt, Powell, Haley and Allen pitched for Pampa.

The outstanding defensive play of the game came in the first inning with one out and a runner at third. The batter hit a soft fly ball to Allen at third who made the catch and dived into third beating the runner to the bag for an unassisted double play. Martindale made three fly ball catches in left field for other good defensive efforts.

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Report: Most districts don't follow guidelines

DALLAS (AP) — A survey conducted by The Dallas Morning News finds several North Texas school districts are not following guidelines meant to keep football players safe when they practice in the heat.

All Class A, 2A and 3A teams, and 4A and 5A schools that didn't hold spring workouts will practice Monday.

A check of more than 40 North Texas school districts' heat policies shows that most don't fully follow the recommendations of the University Interscholastic League and the Dallas-based National Athletic Trainers' Association.

The newspaper reports few schools post their heat policies online so parents can view them easily and help police the guidelines.

The National Weather Service reports typical early-morning August temperatures in Dallas have a heat index between 80 and 85 which rises as the day continues.

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Pampa Partnership results

Pampa Country Club & Hidden Hills Golf Club Pampa Partnership 2009 results are as follows:

Championship Flight

1. Daniel Heuston & Jimbo McKissick 130
2. Doug McFatrige & Scott White 134
3. Shae Cunningham & Jeff Henderson 141
4. Riley Rodman & Dee Joiner 142

First Flight

1. Aaron Simon & Jackie Curtis 144

2. R.D. Stephens & Bill Allison 144
3. Tim Whimpey & John Kaplan 145
4. Terry Hall & David McGill 146

Second Flight

1. Scott Weatherly & Mike Goad 147
2. Tim Brown & Nate Seeman 147
3. Danny Reagan & Mickey Manor 149
4. Kenny Maple & Martin Stevens 150

Third Flight

1. Mike Crain & Ethan Hutchison 158
2. Bud Allen & Clay Montgomery 158
3. Josh Larkin & Jason Hall 158
4. Howard Reed & Dennis Holman 159

Hidden Hills results

Hidden Hills Senior Scramble July 29, 2009

- First—62**
Bill King
J.C. Davis
James Richardson
Howard Musgrave

Second—62

- Gerry McCabe
Carl Johnson
Bill Baldridge
Bob Brandon
Earnest Barnett

Third—63

- Pat Montoya
Jim Ashford
Mike Frye
Bob Lyle

Fourth—63

- Elden Maxwell
Terry Cox
LeRoy Morris
Joe Stringer

Fifth—64

- Al Bolton
Jerry South
Norman Willingham
Darrell Hinkle

Sixth—65

- Bill Hammer
Rod Porter
Marvin Allison
J.C. Furgason

Seventh—65

- Whitey White
Larry Heard
Jim Jensen
Ray Covalt

Closest to Pin #6

- Al Bolton

Closest to Pin #15

- Darrell Hinkle

Hidden Hills Ladies Mixed Scramble July 27, 2009

First—31

- M. Mannor
M. Stevens
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Second—31

- P. Montoya
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